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MODELING (10.05)

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1. ON AUGUST 16 TARENT'YEV OF GOSSTROY INFORMED
ACTING SCICOUNS THAT SOVIETS HAVE DROPPED THE BAKU
PORTION OF THE VISIT OF US SPECIALISTS CHENEY AND
TOWNSEND, WHO ARE TRAVELING TO USSR TO STUDY CENTRIFUGE
MODELING FOR FOUNDATION DESIGN. ACCORDING TO
TARENT'YEV, THE LABORATORY IN BAKU WHERE THE US
SPECIALISTS WERE TO WORK ON THE CENTRIFUGE
HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO AN INDEPENDENT STATUS, WHICH
ALLEGEDLY MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE US SPECIALISTS
TO VISIT, EVEN THOUGH TARENT'YEV ADMITTED THAT THE
LAB REMAINS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF GOSSTROY.
TARENT'YEV FURTHER CLAIMED THAT WORK ON CENTRIFUGE
MODELING AT BAKU WOULD BE BEYOND THE FRAMEWORK
OF THE 10.05 WORKING GROUP, AND ADDED THAT IF US
SPECIALISTS STILL WISHED TO VISIT THE LAB IN BAKU
IT COULD BE ARRANGED "NEXT YEAR", UNDER THE AUSPICES
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OF THE SEISMIC CONSTRUCTION WORKING GROUP (10.04).

2. TARENT'YEV STATED THAT SOVIETS NOW PLAN FOR THE
US SPECIALISTS TO REMAIN IN MOSCOW FOR ENTIRE STAY IN
USSR. THEY WOULD WORK AT THE INSTITUTE OF FOUNDATIONS
AND UNDERGROUND STRUCTURES (NIIOSP) AND AT GIDROPROYEKT,
WHERE TARENT'YEV STATED THAT US SPECIALISTS WOULD BE

ABLE TO WORK ON A CENTRIFUGE.

3. COMMENT: REASONS CITED BY THERENT'YEV DO NOT RING TRUE, AND IN ANY CASE WOULD NOT APPEAR SUFFICIENT TO REQUIRE CANCELLATION OF THE VISIT. WE UNDERSTAND FROM US SPECIALISTS HARR AND SHERMAN, WHO VISITED BAKU LAST YEAR (REF C), THAT OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH LARGE-SCALE SOVIET CENTRIFUGE THERE WOULD, IN FACT, BE OF GREAT INTEREST TO US SPECIALISTS. WE RECOMMEND THAT VISIT OF THE US SPECIALISTS BE POSTPONED UNTIL A MORE SATISFACTORY PROGRAM CAN BE ARRANGED, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE SHORT NOTICE GIVEN BY THE SOVIETS ABOUT THIS MAJOR CHANGE IN PROGRAM. TOON

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